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WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Week 1 (Legislative Days 1-4)

Monday, January 11, marked the start of the 2021 Legislative Session and the 156th Georgia General Assembly. As this is the start of a new biennium, the first week largely consisted of administrative actions. On the first day of session, Chief Judge Brenda Weaver administered the oath of office to House members and Justice Charles Bethel [did the same in the Senate](#).

In the House, Rep. David Ralston and Rep. Jan Jones were each re-elected as Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore, respectively. In the Senate, Senator Butch Miller was re-elected as President Pro Tempore. Committee chairmanships were assigned in the Senate. The House is expected to announce chairmanships soon.

The marquee event of the week was the State of the State address, which Governor Kemp delivered on Thursday, January 14 to a joint session of the General Assembly. In his address, Governor Kemp spoke to the hardships faced by the state in the previous year and called for unity going forward. Policy initiatives highlighted in the speech include reforms to the citizen's arrest law, continued actions against human trafficking, health care reforms, investment in rural areas, and increased funding for education and teachers. Archived footage of the speech can be found [here](#). Following the speech, the Governor's Office released its budget recommendations for Amended Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022. The [budget report](#) is available online.

The House and Senate each adopted the first adjournment resolution of year, [HR 10](#), which sets the schedule through Legislative Day 5. According to the resolution, both chambers will be in recess all next week as Joint Budget Hearings and House Appropriations Subcommittee meetings are held.

The House and Senate will reconvene on Tuesday, January 26 (Legislative Day 5).

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Committee Meeting Schedule*

Monday, January 18, 2021 – Recess/Holiday

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – Recess

9:00 AM	Joint Appropriations Hearing	341 CAP
1:00 PM	Joint Appropriations Hearing	341 CAP

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – Recess

8:00 AM	Joint Appropriations Hearing	341 CAP
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Thursday, January 21, 2021 – Recess

8:00 AM	Joint Appropriations Hearing	341 CAP
1:00 PM	Joint Appropriations Hearing	341 CAP

Friday, January 22, 2021 – Recess

10:00 AM	House Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee	Virtual
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**This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the [General Assembly Events Schedule](#) page for a complete list of meetings, livestream links, the most current schedules, and agendas.*

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